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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6 and 8-11 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 12. The expression vector of claim 7 where the HIP-apoptosis modulating protein has a sequence which includes SEQ ID No. 2.

13. The expression vector of claim 7 where the HIP-apoptosis modulating protein has a sequence which includes SEQ ID No. 4.

14. The expression vector of claim 7 where the HIP-apoptosis modulating protein has a sequence which includes SEQ ID No. 5.

15. The expression vector of claim 7 where the HIP-apoptosis modulating protein has a sequence which includes SEQ ID No. 7.

16. A host cell comprising the expression vector of claim 7.

17. The host cell of claim 16 that is a mammalian cell.--

REMARKS

Before this Amendment, claims 1-11 were pending.

By this Amendment, claims 1-6 and 8-11 have been canceled solely in response to the Restriction Requirement and without prejudice to the Applicants' right to pursue these claims in related applications. New claims 12-17 have been added. New claims 12-15 are directed to the specific embodiments of claim 7. Support for new claim 16 is found in the specification at page 10, line 17 (see WO 99/60986): "The expression vector may be introduced into host cells ...". Support for new claim 17 is found in the specification at page 9, line 30 to page 10, line 1: "A variety of mammalian expression vectors may be used to express recombinant HIP-apoptosis modulating proteins or fragments thereof in mammalian cells."

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The Restriction Requirement

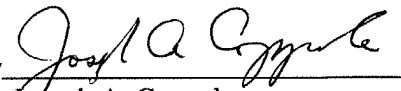
The Applicants elect Group 4, claim 7, drawn to expression vectors, without traverse.

The Notice to Comply

A new Sequence Listing in paper and computer-readable form has been provided in order to replace the old Sequence Listing. The new Sequence Listing contains no new matter. The contents of the computer-readable and paper copies of the new Sequence Listing are the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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